Profits Earned by Santhusti commercial complex

*144. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial complex named Santhusti is earning good profit for the defence personnel;

(b) the extent of land being used by the Santhusti in the Capital;

(c) the rent and other gains being accrued to the agencies or NGOs involved in managing the complex;

(d) whether any attempt has been made to replicate this model in all the major cities of the country for benefit of the defence personnel; and

(e) what are the reasons for not using its land to establish commercial complex by the defence authorities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Santushi's is a shopping complex on an area of approximately 1.275 acres of land in the capital, in the possession of Indian Air Force. The shops in the complex have been allotted to private persons. Since use of defence land for setting up a commercial complex is not authorised, the management of Santushti Complex was taken over by the Defence Estate Officer in February, 1998. The Defence Estate Officer has deposited an amount of Rs. 350 lacs in the Government Treasury out of the rent and other charges collected from the Complex since March 1998 till June 2000. No profit is being earned from the Complex.

(d) and (e) Since defence lands are primarily meant for the present and future needs of the defence forces and not for generation of revenue by setting up of commercial complexes, there is no proposal for replicating this model elsewhere in the country.

Higher Price for Naphtha

*145. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Independent Power Producers (IPPs)

Find themselves in a fix as Indian Oil majors have been charging 38% higher price for Naphtha over international prices resulting in higher tariff for the power produced so; and

(b) if so, in what way Government plan to resolve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) Some of the Independent Power Producers who are pursuing naphtha based power projects in the country have made representations stating that the pricing mechanism for liquid fuels for power generation, particularly naphtha, has resulted in higher tariff for the power produced by these projects. It has been stated by Indian oil companies that they are supplying fuel on 'import parity basis'.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the concerned agencies.

Population of Delhi

* 146. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi's population has been reported to be 1.43 crores;

(b) if so, the reasons for the unexpected increase in the population;

(c) whether the current census exercise is expected to reveal the number of migrants particularly Bangladeshis; and

(d) if so, in what way Government propose to proceed against these migrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The exact population of Delhi as per Census of India 2001, will be known only after the population enumeration is over. However, considering the fact that the percentage decadal increase in each of the last four censuses since 1951 has been approximately 52%, it has been estimated that the projected population of Delhi would be about 1.44 crores.

(b) The government is aware that the population of Delhi is increasing due to reasons of urbanisation and migration apart from the natural increase.